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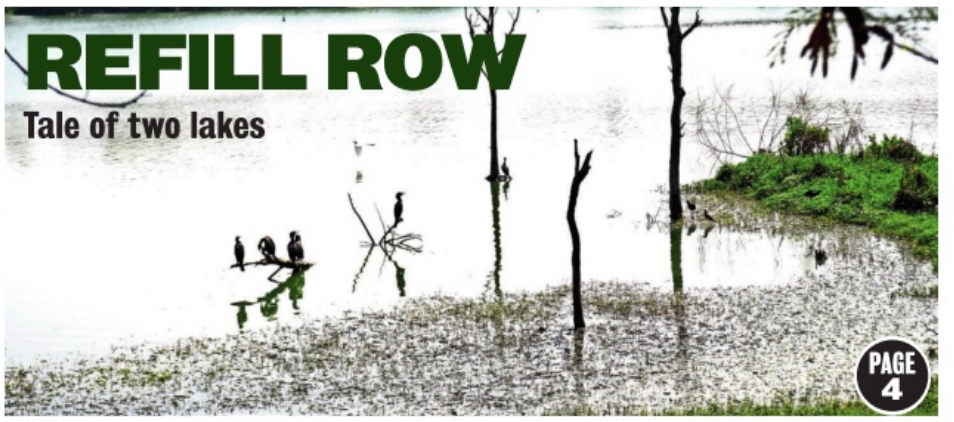

How percolation pits, tanks along storm water drains and parks made Yediyur ward water sufficient

THE OASIS

Water supplied to homes from rainwater tanks whenever Cauvery supply is disrupted

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Yediyur ward in Jayanagar is one of few areas in Bengaluru where there is no need to dig a borewell more than 300 feet to find sufficient water, thanks to the measures taken by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and elected representatives.

One has to spend a lot of money to sink a borewell more than 1,200 to 1,500 ft deep to find water elsewhere in the city.

So what is the speciality of Yediyur ward that made it water sufficient among all the areas in Bengaluru?

The residents of Yediyur and surrounding areas attribute hundreds of percolation pits and tanks constructed in storm water drains and parks in the area as the main reason for Yediyur to be water sufficient.

Stating that groundwater table is not more than 300 feet in and around Yediyur, Naveen Kumar S, a resident of Jayanagar 6th Block said his friend who dug a borewell recently found water at 300 feet and it did not cost much.

"There is no water crisis in our area," said Naveen Kumar.

Shastry Nagar Residents' Welfare Association secretary Ganesh Singh B said there was no water crisis in the past and at present in Yediyur ward.

Rainwater harvesting tank at a park in Yediyur ward

"We took measures to set up a 400-litre rainwater harvesting pit at every 30 feet of the storm drain
— NR Ramesh, former corporator, Yediyur

"The BBMP authorities and elected representatives made provision for rainwater tanks on both sides of the road in our area. Whenever Cauvery water supply is shut down due to maintenance work, water from rainwater tanks will be supplied to households by pumping through Cauvery water pipes. No water tanks are constructed on the roadside but water is supplied directly to our houses from rainwater tanks whenever

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Make way for kids

Overhead hanging internet cables, junction boxes removed to ensure schoolchildren's safety on footpaths

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After a city-based organisation flagged various safety concerns for child pedestrians in the VV Puram area, BESCOM has finally swung into action. The power utility recently removed overhead hanging internet cables and junction boxes from multiple poles from a nearly 1.3-km stretch of footpath in Vinoba Nagar.

The study conducted on safety and risk assessment of child pedestrians in VV Puram showed children commuting to school on foot have to cross many hurdles to reach the campus, raising safety concerns.

The assessment conducted on 80 government schoolchildren from Vinoba Nagar identified 122 safety concerns for child pedestrians on the footpath stretch of JC Road and two smaller stretches in the area. Out of the 122 safety concerns, as many as 19 safety concerns were related to loose electric wires and electric junction boxes.

"We appreciate the quick action taken by BESCOM to mitigate risk factors for

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Prosimetrum

Join the launch of Sharmistha Mohanty's most recent title, 'Book One,' which is a free-flowing narrative in verse and prose, marking the debut of an astonishing new voice in literature. She will be in conversation with Sohini Basak, a writer of fiction, poetry, and the in-between. Mohanty is the author of three works of prose, Book One, New Life, and Five Movements in Praise, and a book of poems, The Gods Came Afterwards. She has also translated a selection of Tagore's fiction, Broken Nest and Other Stories. Her most recent work is Extinctions, a book of prose poems. **When: March 30, 6:30 pm; Where: Atta Galatta**

02 Disco rap

Calling all the old-school hip-hop lovers! Don't miss out on the breathtaking music and beats at Social's 'Back 2 Skool Jam,' featuring Alina X Knique and DJ Dwell on the lineup with the best of old-school hip-hop at Social. **When: Mach 30, 7 pm onwards; Where: Social, Indiranagar**

03 A world of illusions

Brace yourselves to be amazed by the 13-year-old national award-winning Jayant Patwari, an illusionist, author, press reporter, and kidpreneur. A self-taught illusionist, he captivates the audience with his extraordinary skills, including chopping off a student's head, floating objects, reading blindfolded, and mind-reading. Many of his illusion shows are organised as fundraising events. **When: March 31, 5 pm; Where: Jus Trufs Chocolatiers**

Busy route: Metro sees 7 lakh+ passengers daily

15.69% of total metro tickets are now being purchased through code scanning

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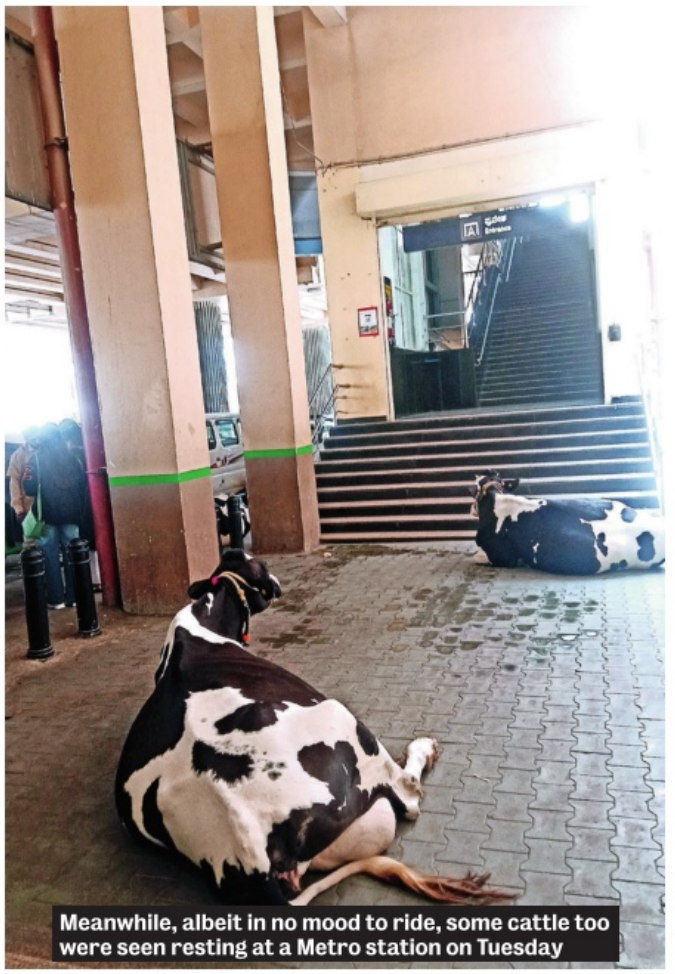
The ridership of Namma Metro is on the rise due to its expanding network. In February, the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) set a new record when 7,59,725 passengers travelled in Metro trains in a single day (on February 24). Throughout the month of February, a record 2,04,71,595 passengers travelled on Metro trains. On February 5, the BMRCL earned a maximum revenue of Rs 2,18,04,282 from ticket sales, contributing to a gross revenue of Rs 53,10,70,145 for the month. Metro officials noted a gradual increase in the popularity of QR tickets, with 15.69 per cent of total metro tickets now being purchased through code scanning. Meanwhile, the usage of manual tokens has decreased to 30.91 per cent, and smart card users account for 53.4 per cent of the total.

Metro officials anticipate a further increase in ridership upon the completion of other pending stretches of Phase two. Currently, Reach 3C, which connects Manjunath Nagar to Madavara, has achieved 99.38 per cent completion. Reach six, the elevated stretch from Kalena Agrahara to Tavarekere, has reached 77.32 per cent completion. Within this reach, the segment between Dairy Circle to Rashtriya Military School has achieved 87.43 per cent completion. The section from Rashtriya Military School to Shivajinagar is 90.36 per cent complete; Shivajinagar to Tanner Road is 88.15 per cent complete; and Tanner Road to Nagawara is 70.12 per cent complete. However, Phases 2A and 2B, which link the Central Silk Board to KR Puram and the airport, are only 34 per cent complete at present.

A BMRCL official stated that the Central Silk Board (CSB) is a crucial junction for Phases 2A and 2B. The CSB junction is the busiest in the city. BMRCL is constructing Metro corridors on the Yellow Line from RV Road to Bommasandra and on the Blue Line from CSB to KR Puram station, further extending towards the airport. The double-decker flyover will run from Ragigudda to CSB, accommodating motor vehicles on the first level and Metro trains on the second level. The CSB metro station on ORR is planned as an interchange for these lines through a skywalk with travelators.

> **"The usage of manual tokens has decreased to 30.91 per cent, and smart card users account for 53.4 per cent of the total**
> – Metro officials

He further said that the metro is constructing an elevated metro line from Ragigudda to CSB, covering 3.2 km with five up-and-down ramps at the CSB junction to ease congestion. "Vehicle users coming from the Ragigudda side using the double-decker and Yellow Line Metro will be able to reach Hosur Road via Ramp A and HSR Layout via Ramp C. Ramp B is at grade, connecting Ramp A from the BTM side to access the outer ring road and Hosur road. Those coming from HSR Layout will reach the Ragigudda side via Ramp D, which runs above Ramp A and the R5 metro line, and continue with a down ramp E to access BTM Layout. Ramps A and B merge and run continuously over the existing Madiwala flyover across NH44, consisting of four solid slabs, each spanning 31 metres in width and 15.1 metres in width, with a curvature radius of 52 metres. The staging and supporting documents include 1,496 MT of structural steel covering an area of 2,092 square metres of shuttering. Approximately 10,800 man-days of labour have been deployed for the solid slab work. The first level of the road flyover has already been constructed for Reach-5 from Ragigudda to CSB junction, and Ramps A, B, and C are set to be commissioned by May 2024, while Ramps D and E are likely to be completed by December 2024," he said.



Meanwhile, albeit in no mood to ride, some cattle too were seen resting at a Metro station on Tuesday

How to make Bengaluru water sufficient

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Cauvery water supply is disrupted,'' said Ganesh Singh. Meanwhile, NR Ramesh, former corporator of Yediyur ward and former ruling party leader in BBMP council, said that Yediyur ward consists of 18 localities with 197 roads.

"We took measures to set up a 400-litre rainwater harvesting pit at every 30 feet of the storm drain during removing the silt from the drain. We have also constructed 4,000 litres to 12,000 litres capacity rainwater harvesting pits for every 100 sq ft in parks. The total number of rainwater pits is 2,781 in Yediyur ward that have the capacity to harvest 8,68,000 litres of water during the monsoon,'' Ramesh said. Recently, Ramesh wrote a letter to the BBMP chief commissioner appealing to him to make rainwater harvesting mandatory at all wards in the city.

"I want rainwater harvesting pits and tanks to be constructed at parks and storm water drains in all wards in the city on par with Yediyur ward. This measure will mitigate water shortage in Bengaluru in the next four to five decades,'' Ramesh said.

Rainwater harvesting pit on the roadside at Yediyur ward

Insurance conman whisks off over Rs 4 crore, nabbed

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The Bengaluru City Crime Branch has successfully apprehended an individual engaged in a fraudulent scheme, wherein victims were deceived through counterfeit life insurance policies under the guise of representing a reputable insurance company. This accused individual coerced a complainant into paying Rs 15 lakh and was found to be illicitly depositing public cheques into multiple bank accounts, subsequently withdrawing funds via ATMs. A total of 34 cases have been filed against the perpetrator across various police stations in the city, with the defrauded sum amounting to Rs 4,51,31,288. Across various police stations in the city, a total of 34 cases have been filed against the perpetrator, with the defrauded sum amounting to Rs 4,51,31,288.

Fake E-Guarantee

Furthermore, an individual implicated in the issuance of fake e-bank guarantees was apprehended at the Delhi International Airport on March 13 by the Bengaluru Cyber Crime Police, following the issuance of a Lookout Circular (LOC). While one accused remains at large, investigations are ongoing. The seized items from the apprehended individual included two laptops, six mobile phones from various companies, one pen drive, and 10 cheque books. Subsequent inquiries revealed that the two accused had forged e-Bank Guarantees, defrauding 11 individuals with guarantees valued at Rs 1,68,13,23,944, with a commission of Rs 5 crore.

Theft & burgarly

Moreover, on March 22, Rajajinagar PS apprehended two female suspects involved in the theft of gold ornaments, particularly targeting elderly women at public events. The officers successfully recovered 233 gm of gold jewellery valued at Rs 14.9 lakh. Across multiple police stations in the city, a total of seven cases have been registered against the accused.

Additionally, on March 17,

Vidyaranya police station arrested three individuals in connection with a residential burglary case. The officers managed to two kg of silver articles, and three two-wheelers with a total value of Rs 16,60,000.

CCTV command centre boosts crime detection

Community-installed cameras aid swift arrests, enhancing area's security in Thalaghattapura

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Recently, the Garuda CCTV Command Centre was inaugurated at Thalaghattapura Police Station, enhancing the security infrastructure of the area. The Garuda CCTV project, a joint initiative by CMKRA and the local police, boasts over 101 high-definition 5MP IP CCTV cameras strategically placed across the Thalaghattapura Police Station limits. With the residents' efforts in installing cameras, many crime cases are being traced and tracked easily through the cameras.

Certain crime incidents have been caught on camera, and the Thalaghattapura police have been able to catch the culprits. In one incident, a recent chain snatch occurred in Narayan Nagar. The culprits were caught within 24 hours, and the Garuda CCTV cameras installed in Narayan Nagar came in handy. This was even more unique as the culprits changed dresses to conceal their identity, similar to a recent Rameshwaram bomb blast case.

Kiran Kumar, Joint Secretary of the Changemakers of Kanakapura Road Association, disclosed an incident where 11 CCTVs were installed near Krishnam Hotel and said, "Another incident was when a few days back, a lady came in a car near A2B junction and walked in without a bag. One of the victims who lost her bag had reported about the stolen bag. Within a few hours, the Thalaghattapura police went through the camera and found out that another lady who walked into the hotel empty-handed left with a stolen bag in her hand. She was identified, tracked, and traced, and action was taken against her."

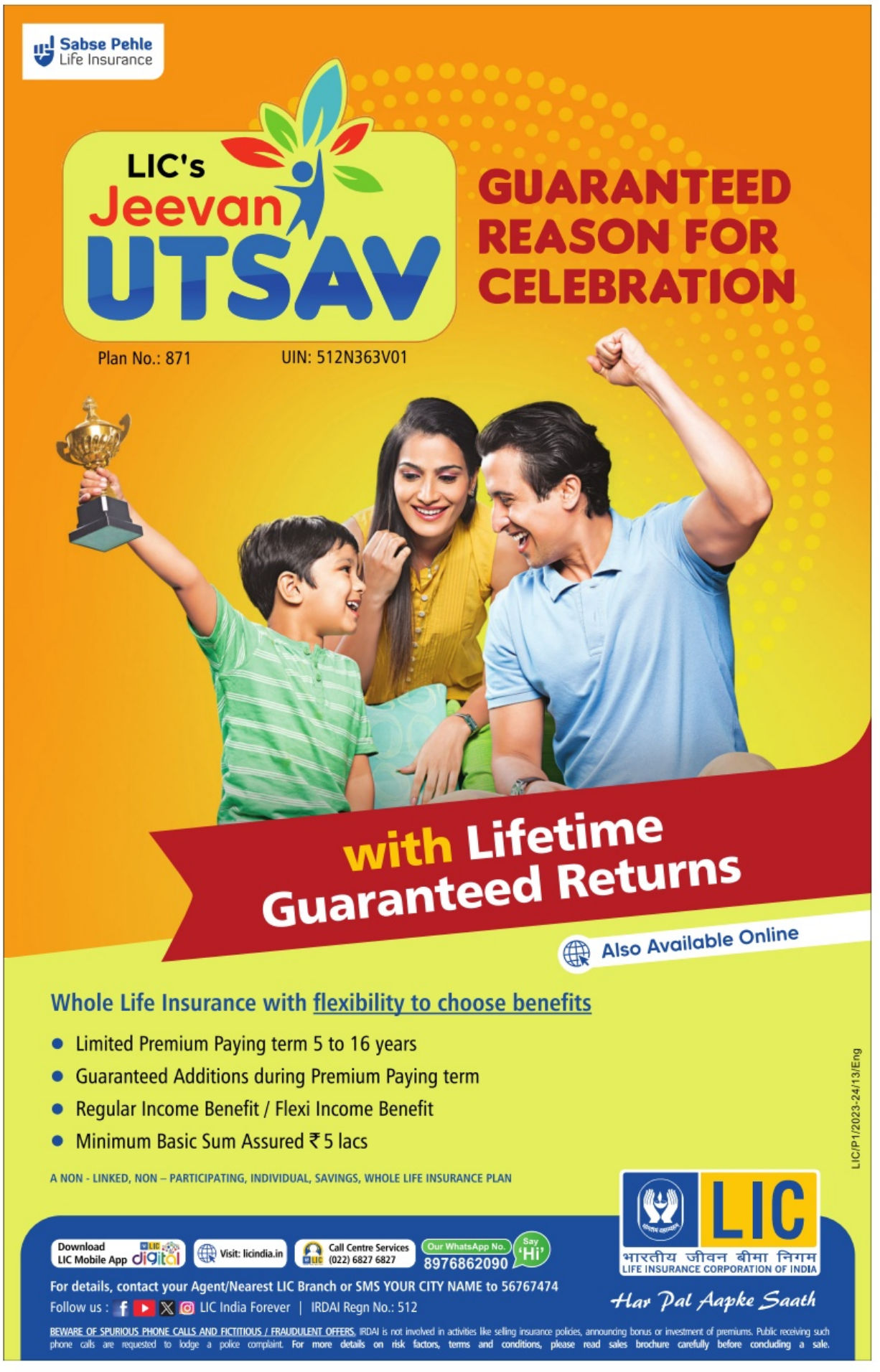
In one of the earliest cases, there was a theft in a finance lending institution situated off Kanakapura Road. The culprits were traced in CCTV cameras located near the KSIT junction on Kanakapura Road.

Kumar said, "We aim to create a safer living environment for people across Thalaghattapura Police Station limits. The

The culprits were traced in CCTV cameras located near the KSIT junction on Kanakapura Road

comprehensive surveillance system established through this project will not only deter criminal activities but also provide valuable evidence for investigations, enabling law enforcement to act swiftly and decisively."

Shiva Prakash Devaraju, DCP South Traffic, said, "The integration of community-installed CCTV cameras with our command centre at Thalaghattapura Police Station represents a significant leap in our policing capabilities. This initiative not only exemplifies the power of community-police collaboration but also enhances our efficiency in solving cases and ensuring public safety."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Hold-up in lake revamp story causes concerns

BBMP's efforts stalled, sparking worry that pending work in Horamavu Lake won't get done by monsoon

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Residents of Jayanti Nagar, Horamavu, and Hoysala Nagar were elated when the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Lakes Department initiated the rejuvenation of Jayanti Nagar-Horamavu Lake over a year ago. The lake had languished in a deplorable state for many years, prompting residents and lake activists to tirelessly advocate for funds to revitalise the water body. According to credible sources, the BBMP allocated Rs 5.50 crore in two instalments for the rejuvenation and development of Jayanti Nagar-Horamavu Lake. Despite the BBMP Lakes Department claiming to have completed approximately 80 per cent of the rejuvenation and developmental works, residents and lake activists express dissatisfaction with the sluggish progress of the projects.

The residents commend the BBMP authorities for earmarking funds for the lake's rejuvenation and urge them to expedite all pending works before the onset of the monsoon.

An open storm water drain adjacent to the walking path posing danger to children and senior citizens

"We were initially thrilled when the BBMP Lakes Department commenced the lake's rejuvenation last year. Our elected representative also assured us of completion, but unfortunately, little progress has been made. With developmental works now at a standstill, we fear whether the pending tasks will be finished before the monsoon arrives. I urge the BBMP Lakes Department to install fencing between the walking path and the water body to prevent accidental falls, especially among children. An open drain poses a significant danger to children and senior citizens. The BBMP authorities should cover the drain with concrete slabs for safety," stated Nagajyothi KS, general secretary of Neralu, a non-governmental organisation.

Echoing similar sentiments, environmentalist Alexander James emphasised the importance of future maintenance by the BBMP Lakes Department. "It is imperative for the BBMP Lakes Department to ensure that no sewage enters the lake. Constructing a sewage treatment plant (STP) to channel treated water into the lake would be immensely beneficial," remarked James.

Stressing the necessity of restoring the lake to its former glory, S Sandosh Kumar of Hoysala Nagar highlighted the importance of clearing encroachments on lake land and erecting fences to deter future encroachments. "I implore the BBMP Lakes Department to transform the water body into a preferred destination for residents of surrounding areas. Planting numerous saplings will enhance greenery around the lake," added Kumar.

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Meanwhile, BBMP Executive Engineer (Lakes) Bhooprada clarified that approximately 80 per cent of the rejuvenation and developmental works have been completed. "Silt removal from the lake has been accomplished, and the development of walking paths is underway. However, there is a delay in fencing the lake as the revenue department has yet to complete the land survey to identify encroachments by the land mafia. The survey is expected to commence only after the Lok Sabha elections. Fencing will begin once the lake survey is concluded," he stated.

Fill lakes with treated water: Experts give idea thumbs down

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To aid in recharging the groundwater table in the area, instructions have been issued to the Minor Irrigation Department to immediately fill Bellandur and Varthur Lakes with treated water. In a recent meeting chaired by the Additional Chief Secretary of the Urban Development Department, the Minor Irrigation Department was directed to fill both water bodies with 100 MLD of treated water, in consultation with the Bangalore Water and Sewerage Supply Board (BWSSB). The lakes are to be filled using secondary treated domestic sewage water transferred through the Koramangala-Challaghatta Valley project to Kolar and Chikkaballapur. Currently, 400 MLD of treated water from KC Valley is being supplied to Kolar District and Anekal taluk to fill the lakes.

This decision has stirred up concern among city-based researchers and experts, who argue that it could prove disastrous to the ongoing rejuvenation process.

Dr TV Ramachandra, from the Center for Ecological Sciences (CES) at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), and a former member of the National Green Tribunal (NGT) monitoring committee, criticised the move, stating, "When I visited the lakes a couple of weeks back, I was told by a Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) official that the desilting of Varthur will take at least another eight months to complete. Moreover, wetland creation work has only begun now. Without wetland in place and desilting incomplete, the lake should not be filled. If the Minor Irrigation Department goes ahead with it, it will violate NGT's order. It comes across as an irresponsible act to scuttle the process for vested interests. This will create more havoc and all money spent so far will go down the drain."

However, according to various sources, the UDD has instructed the BDA Commissioner to remove the stocked silt in Bellandur Lake within a week to fill the lake with

Varthur Lake

treated water. Lake activists in the city argue for the establishment of a committee to oversee the rejuvenation work of both lakes and ensure that secondary treated water is not filled in these water bodies until desilting and wetland creation works are completed. "Once water is filled, the rejuvenation process will stop. Moreover, water will not percolate into the groundwater table if desilting is not done well. So far, only about 40 per cent of the desilting work has been completed and there is no wetland in place. BWSSB should first stop the entry of raw sewage, which is still flowing in. Once a wetland is created and desilting is over, the lake should be filled with tertiary treated water," said Jagadish Reddy, a resident of Varthur and member of Varthur Rising.

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Garbage dump
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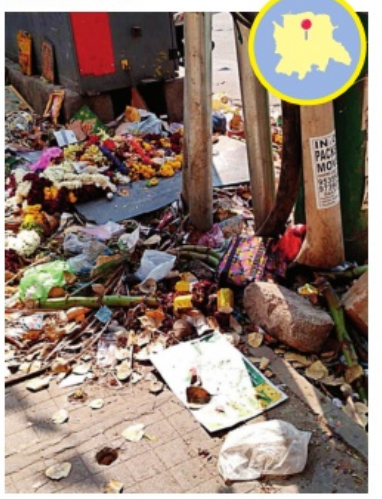
There is a persistent problem of garbage accumulation observed outside Ayyappa Nagar Temple, Devasandra Road.

Missing pavement
BVK Iyengar Road

Where is the pedestrian footpath on BVK Iyengar Road? There are no footpaths on the narrow roads forcing pedestrians to walk on the roads.

Clear garbage
Marathahalli

The service road adjacent to Marathahalli flyover, specifically in front of Purva Apartments, requires daily cleaning as garbage is accumulating and posing a potential risk of spreading diseases.

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Hostels all set, now all we need is somebody to occupy rooms

Only 10 apply for BU's exclusive hostel for Northeastern students

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> **This hostel has 96 rooms, and can accommodate approximately 500 students**
> – Bangalore University officials

Now that it is fully ready, the response for one of the long-awaited hostels designed to assist female students from the Northeastern (NE) states has been lukewarm. Bangalore University (BU) officials said that they have received just 10 applications. This hostel is likely to become operational next month. In February, the varsity invited applications from NE students. Surprisingly, all these students who have applied are currently staying in other BU hostels and want to relocate.

The hostel was supposed to open three years ago; however, the onset of the Covid pandemic delayed the plans as this hostel was converted into a Covid care centre. According to the agreement between BU and the North East Council, 75 per cent of the seats are to be reserved for female students from the Northeastern states. "This hostel, which has been set up on 5.5 acres of premises, has 96 rooms. There are 283 colleges under BU affiliation, and those students can also apply. The hostel will provide free accommodation, but students have to pay for food," said a BU official.

The decision to establish this hostel was made after a student from Arunachal Pradesh was attacked in the city in 2014. Since then, it was decided that the Bangalore University (BU) Jnanabharathi campus will host a separate hostel for female students hailing from these states of the country. It was originally planned to open for students in December 2018. The hostel is being built on 5.5 acres near the administration block and can accommodate approximately 500 students. This hostel facility was constructed in collaboration with the North Eastern Council, which funded the project, and the land was provided by BU. Officials state that over 25 per cent of the seats in this hostel will be reserved for local students studying at the BU campus.

The North Eastern Council approached BU officials and requested land on the Jnanabharathi campus after incidents of attacks on students from the region surfaced. According to the agreement signed between BU and the North Eastern Council, the university will be responsible for the hostel's maintenance. A BU official said, "This is a unique facility for NE students studying at our university and affiliated colleges. Over 400 students can dine together and enjoy their own cuisine at the hostel."

While BU is the first university in the state to establish an exclusive hostel for female students from the Northeast, according to the North East Welfare Association of Karnataka, there are over 3.5 lakh people from the said states in Karnataka, with a majority of them residing in Bengaluru.

Construction of the hostel began before BU was divided into three universities. Previously, there were 1,700 students, but now the number has decreased to 500 as the hostel will only accommodate students of BU and not Bengaluru Central University and Bengaluru North University. An official mentioned, "We need to discuss with the two other sister universities and determine how we can accommodate NE students studying in their universities as well. After the trifurcation, most of the colleges with students from the NE are in BCU."

IN BRIEF

Finally, Balagere Main Road is asphalted

Finally, the Balagere Main Road T-Junction asphalting work was carried out. This has been one of the major traffic bottle neck spots and work could not proceed due to land acquisition challenges. It will ease traffic movement for commuters coming from Gunjur, Gunjur Palya, Balagere, and Varthur.

Funds for this road work were allocated in the 2022-23 budget by the previous government. However, it took so long for the process as according to the Mahadevpura Task force, the land owner of the 300 metre land who was adamant on cash compensation agreed for the TDF after months of convincement.

Clement Jayakumar from Mahadevpura Task force said, "This junction is one of the busiest as the two CDP roads, from Munnekolala and from Gunjur connect it. They then intersect the Belagere main road making it the T junction. As once the CDP roads came in, the junction started to narrow and needed to be widened and extra land needed to be taken for widening and hence this project was taken up."

Approximately, over 20,000 people are said to commute here on an everyday basis causing severe traffic congestion. "The Cauvery V stage water work was taken up by the BWSSB including the UGD work. This apart even BESCOM had taken up underground cable work. Due to this the asphalting work could not be completed. Only after this, the asphalting work was initiated and has now been completed. This will help in solving the traffic issue to a greater extent," added Jayakumar.

—Iffath Fathima

BM Education

Unsafe space: The big, bad world around college campuses

CAMPUS NOTES

How safe are the places where students stay near campuses? BM Campus did a survey among the students, and the results were quite shocking. During the survey, the students from different colleges in Bengaluru were asked if they felt that their institution provided them with a safe space and if they felt secure in and around these campuses. Around 92 per cent of the respondents said they felt safe on their college campus. However, out of them, about half refused strongly when asked if they felt safe in the surrounding areas of their college. The responses brought forth concerns about these issues, since only a few considered that the college contemplated the security issues seriously. Moreover, even fewer people had trust in their local police and the systems around them, and a good number of them were hesitant to contact authorities.

A student from Bengaluru North said she has experienced and heard of multiple flashing, phone snatching, and eve-teasing incidents near the college accommodations and PGs, and even sexual assault cases have been reported in these areas. Another student from the same institute says it is not advisable to travel alone as the space around the college is desolate. A few respondents have mentioned bullying outside of college as a major issue as well. Niharika, an undergraduate student, says that catcalling and physical harassment of girls happen occasionally around her campus.

It was astounding to see that almost all of these participants had seen cases around them where their friends or fellow students' security was compromised or in danger. Most of them had even experienced some forms of harassment during their time in college. Tvisha Banerjee, an undergrad student, says, "My close friend has experienced stalking where the stalker approached her multiple times and even tried giving her gifts. Being with her, I myself felt scared of any consequences in case we confronted the stalker. But we were also hesitant to go to the police station since we felt that it might not be taken too seriously."

While the frequency of these cases is disturbing, it is heartening to see that these students have made an attempt to address their problems. A few mentioned going to the police station, informing their guardians and local people, and resolving it further from there. They did give suggestions like implementing prompt policing, better surveillance, having more streetlights, improving security at the PGs, regular checks by college-appointed authorities, and making security services more available.

Mune Gowda, an educationist, said, "Educational institutions are a child's second home. This place becomes the centre for all their activity and learning for the next few months or years. Colleges in Bengaluru are also home to a multitude of students. Safety becomes the utmost priority to create an atmosphere conducive to learning."

—Anurati Nair

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Litmus test for BSY

81-year-old's gain of upper hand against rivals in ticket distribution brings big responsibility

The 81-year-old BJP warhorse, former Chief Minister, BS Yediyurappa is facing a litmus test in terms of winning the maximum seats for the party after gaining an upper hand over his rivals in ticket distribution.

Sources say that the Lok Sabha results are important to stabilise the political career of his son, BJP state President, BY Vijayendra.

It is evident from the list that, though the BJP high command had made choices, the top leadership had mostly accommodated all candidates from BS Yediyurappa's camp.

The BJP high command has announced tickets to 24 of the 28 Lok Sabha seats in Karnataka and declared its ambitious plan to win all the parliamentary constituencies with its alliance partner JD(S).

The JD(S) has been given three seats and the BJP is yet to announce the candidate for the Chitradurga seat.

Sources close to Yediyurappa say that most of the political heavyweights who missed getting a ticket to contest the Lok Sabha elections this time are his opponents who had lobbied against him, resulting in the veteran leader's unceremonious exit from the CM's post in 2021.

Sources added that former BJP National General Secretary, CT Ravi, who raised his voice against Yediyurappa lost the Assembly election in 2023 to his right-hand man who went on to become the Congress candidate.

CT Ravi wanted to contest from the Udupi-Chikkamagalur Parliamentary seat; however, the ticket was allotted to Opposition leader in the Council, Kota Srinivas Poojary.

The Udupi-Chikkamagalur seat was earlier represented by Yediyurappa's close confidante Union Minister Shobha Karandlaje.

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Sources said that Yediyurappa not only managed to see to it that the ticket was not given to CT Ravi, but he also ensured a ticket to Shobha Karandlaje from the Bengaluru North Constituency.

This development has angered sitting MP from Bengaluru North, former CM, DV Sadananda Gowda.

DV Sadananda Gowda was elevated to the position of CM with the support of Yediyurappa in 2011, but after becoming the CM, Gowda had angered Yediyurappa by joining hands with his political opponents.

Similarly, Yediyurappa's friend-turned-foe former minister, KS Eshwarappa, made all attempts but failed to secure a ticket for his son KE Kanthesh from the Haveri Lok Sabha seat.

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Kanthesh missed the Lok Sabha ticket, prompting his father Eshwarappa to contest as an Independent candidate from Shivamogga.

Now, Eshwarappa has vowed to defeat BJP candidate BY Raghavendra, son of Yediyurappa, from Shivamogga.

Former state President, Nalin Kumar Kateel, another senior leader who joined hands with the opponents of Yediyurappa was also denied a ticket and the party opted for newbie Captain Brijesh Chowta instead.

Union Minister Bhagwanth Khuba (Bidar), Raja Amareshwara Naik (Raichur), Umesh Jadhav (Kalaburagi), B Sriramulu (Bellary), Ramesh Jigajinagi (Vijayapura), Gayathri Siddeshwar (Davanagere) are the other candidates issued tickets on the recommendation of Yediyurappa, sources said. Most of these candidates faced internal resistance.

Eshwarappa has stated that Vijayendra will step down from his position once the results of Lok Sabha election are announced.

However, sources close to Yediyurappa state that they are confident of winning the maximum number of seats with the PM Modi wave in the state. **–IANS**

BJP trying to split sections of society: Deputy CM Shivakumar

Alleging the Bharatiya Janata Party of "trying to split the sections" in Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar said that BJP is unable to "digest" the growth and development of Bengaluru.

In an interview with ANI, the Karnataka Deputy CM alleged that the BJP is finding unable to digest the development of Bengaluru, hence 'creating problem for law and order in the state'.

"We have a very strong, effective government in Karnataka which is a secular bound state. Bangalore is a very peaceful city and the current state is also a very good state. We have a state anthem which clearly tells that we have to take everyone together. Elections are approaching. BJP is trying to split every section of the society. They are not digesting the development and growth of Bangalore and the state," Shivakumar said.

The assault incident on a shopkeeper who was playing a devotional song at his shop in Bengaluru took a political turn with BJP leaders accusing the Congress of indulging in appeasement politics.

When asked about the BJP's allegations on the Karnataka government of failing on the grounds of law and order, Shivakumar said that the BJP which failed to get people's mandate in the last assembly elections is

"trying to create an issue in front of media".

"They have been thrown out from the assembly. They wanted to have their stake in the Parliament. So they are trying to see that law and order problem will be created. Just they are trying to make a lot of statements.

Where no issues are there, they are trying to create an issue in the front of the media. According to me, nothing is there," the Congress leader added.

The Police have till now arrested five people in connection with the incident. The accused are booked for criminal intimidation (IPC 506), attempt to murder (IPC 307), intentionally insulting with intent to provoke breach of the peace (IPC 504) voluntarily causing hurt, and unlawful assembly (IPC 147). **ANI**

HDK to contest from Mandya as NDA candidate

Janata Dal (Secular) leader and former Chief Minister of Karnataka, HD Kumaraswamy, confirmed on Tuesday that he will contest the Lok Sabha elections as BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) candidate from Mandya Lok Sabha constituency.

"Today, my decision is to contest from Mandya for the upcoming elections. BJP leaders advised me to contest from Mandya. Most of the party workers from Mandya also insisted. I will file a nomination and then campaign in the state," Kumaraswamy said while addressing a press conference in Bengaluru on Tuesday.

"Ramnagar district gave me political birth. Mysore and Mandya gave me political power. JD(S) did not lose morally in the last 2019 Lok Sabha elections. I have made many contributions to the development of the Ramnagar district. My heart has been treated three times in 12 years. It is the will of the gods and goddesses that this country needs me. God has been protecting me for that," he said.

He further said that the JD(S) joined the NDA to 'solve' the state's problems while alleging that the alliance with Congress earlier failed the party.

"We joined the NDA alliance to solve the problems of Karnataka. In the past, we lost by allying with Congress. JD(S)-BJP leaders have joined forces and started campaigning in Bengaluru rural constituency," the former CM said.

Speaking of the party's remaining two seats, Hassan and Kolar, Kumaraswamy said, "There is no change in Hassan Lok Sabha constituency (Prajwal Revanna JDS MP), and the JD(S) candidate for Kolar Lok Sabha constituency is still not finalised.

The JD (S) leader further said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to hold a big rally in Bengaluru in the run-up to the elections.

"Up to now, PM's future programmes regarding election campaigns aren't finalised. He may want a big rally in Bengaluru. For that, they may request the former PM (HD Deve Gowda)," he said. **ANI**

Right of way for children walking to schools

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children. However, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) should also take cognisance of the matter and ensure safety for the children walking to their school on the JC Road footpath. City traffic police should also take necessary action to ensure children's safety," said Raghavendra B Pachhapur of ActionAid Association, a city-based NGO that conducted the study.

Apart from safety concerns related to loose electric wires and electric junction boxes, the report underlined issues such as construction debris, encroachment, broken slabs, poles, garbage, slanted sign boards, and uneven footpath surfaces. Other safety concerns for child pedestrians included parked vehicles on the road, traffic light poles, non-functional traffic signs, and faded zebra crossings.

The study had recommended that wires hanging low on the footpath should be secured, debris should be cleared, encroachments must be cleared and more traffic personnel should be guarding busy junctions such as Minerva Circle to ensure child pedestrians are safe. It urged the government agencies such as BBMP, BESCOM, and Bengaluru Traffic Police to secure the footpaths of Bengaluru.

While BESCOM cleared wires hanging low on the footpath, commuters and locals said a lot still needs to be done to ensure pedestrians' safety on the stretch.

"While the overhead wire has been removed, it is now lying on the footpath, causing a safety hazard. Moreover, many slabs on the footpath are broken. While BESCOM removed the wires, BBMP had to fix other issues on the stretch, including haphazard parking. A lot remains to be done to ensure child pedestrians are safe," said Rekha, a regular commuter.

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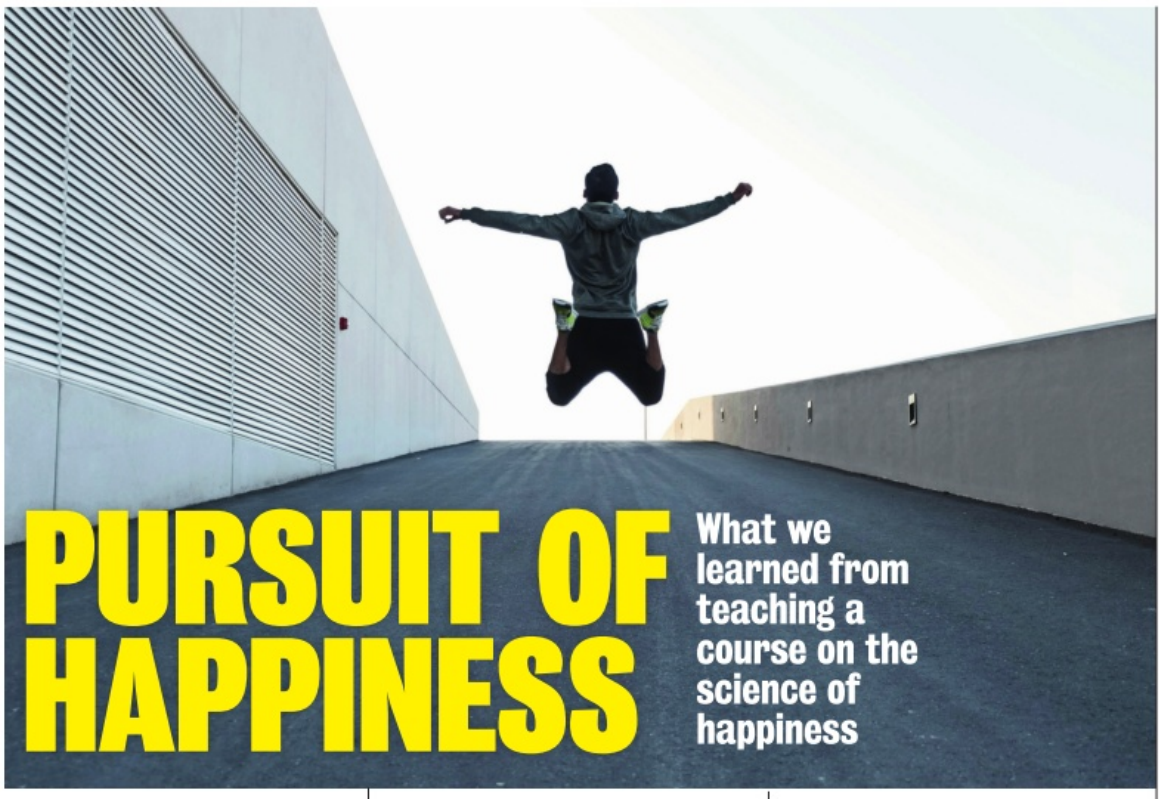

PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS

What we learned from teaching a course on the science of happiness

When you deliver a university course that makes students happier, everybody wants to know what the secret is. What are your tips? What are your top ten recommendations? These are the most asked questions, as if there is some quick, surefire path to happiness.

The problem is that there are no life-transforming discoveries, because most of what works has already been talked about. Social connection, mindfulness, gratitude letters, acts of kindness, going for a walk in nature, sleep hygiene, limiting social media use. These are some of the 80 or so psychological interventions which have been shown to work to improve our wellbeing (to a lesser or greater extent).

But if we already know so much about what works, then why are we still fielding requests for top happiness tips?

The data tells us that students and young people today are increasingly unhappy, with national surveys finding wellbeing is lowest among the young in the UK and the US compared to other age groups.

It was for this reason we began teaching the science of happiness course at the University of Bristol in 2019 – to counter some worrying downward trends. During the course, we teach lessons from positive psychology and create opportunities for students to put these lessons into practice.

Learning the science of happiness

We award credit based on engagement — an important component of not only education, but also getting the most out of life — rather than graded assessments. It would be ironic to talk about the problems of performance anxiety and student perfectionism only to then give our students a graded exam.

Course credit without examination? That must be a breeze you might say. However, for many students, turning up on time to over 80% of lectures and tutorials, completing journal entries on a weekly basis and submitting a final group project turned out to be more of a challenge than they predicted.

Around 5% of students fail to meet the course demands each year, and have to complete a reassessment in the summer. Creating consistent positive habits in the face of all of life's other demands is not a trivial request.

Nevertheless, the science of happiness course is extraordinarily popular. It also appears to be effective. Every year we find increases of around 10-15% on measures of students' mental wellbeing at the end of the course, compared to a waiting-list control group.

However, we recently published the findings from a study that followed up with students one to two years after they had taken the science of happiness course, before they graduated. When we looked at the overall trends, students' initially elevated scores of happiness had largely returned to their original levels.

We were not dejected, though. One of the mechanisms we teach on the course is hedonic adaptation: we get used to both good and bad things. Since humans have a brain wired to pay extra attention to problems, it comes as no surprise that the initial wellbeing boost we created in the course disappeared as students returned to focusing on life's hassles.

However, we observed that not all students followed this pattern. Approximately half the cohort reported that they continued to regularly practice some of the things they had learnt, such as gratitude or mindfulness, many months or years after completing the course.

Although the students who no longer practised the activities returned to their happiness baselines, on average, those who did keep up with at least some of the recommended activities showed no such drop. They maintained their elevated levels of wellbeing up to two years later.

In many ways, mental health is no different from physical health. Few people expect to see long-lasting muscle gains after one trip to the gym. For the most part, we are begrudgingly aware that there are no shortcuts if you want to remain fit and healthy. You have to stick with the program.

New habits

The same applies to our happiness. Unless we keep working at it, the improvements are temporary. Indeed, if we did have to focus on just one top tip it might be to learn how to harness lessons from psychology to build the better habits we need for lasting change. For example, aiming for small incremental changes rather than an unsustainable overhaul of your whole life.

One thing we question is whether the self-care industry may be sending out the wrong message by telling people happiness is all about making yourself feel better. One of us, Bruce Hood, writes in his new book, that becoming a happier person in the long term is less to do with focusing on ourselves, and much more to do with focusing on others.

Self-care may bring some short term benefits, but enriching the lives of others can offer wellbeing effects that are less susceptible to adaptation over time.

Ultimately, whatever methods or activities we choose to improve our wellbeing, we would do well to remember that happiness is always a work in progress.

(By Sarah Jelbert and Bruce Hood, University of Bristol, The Conversation)

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5 foods to reduce bloating and feel lighter instantly

Struggling with bloating can be an uncomfortable and frustrating experience, affecting our daily comfort and confidence. Fortunately, there are several simple yet effective tricks to alleviate bloating and restore a sense of well-being.

Ahead, our expert Geetika Bajaj reveals the five essential items that will help you beat the bloat instantly:

Bananas: A good source of fibre, potassium and vitamin B6, bananas keep the digestive system running smoothly,regulate fluid balance and help break down carbohydrates and proteins.

Green Tea: Green tea boasts abundant antioxidants, offering a variety of health benefits, including the reduction of bloating. Its catechins possess anti-inflammatory qualities, aiding in gas reduction while promoting digestion and gut health.

Fennel Seeds: Rich in anethole, a compound known for its antispasmodic and carminative properties, these seeds aid in relaxing the muscles of the digestive tract, alleviating gas and bloating.

Papaya: Renowned as a natural remedy to improve digestion, constipation, heartburn and symptoms of irritable bowel syndrome (IBS), papaya stands as a potent natural remedy. However, moderation is key as excessive consumption might cause intestinal gas.

Buttermilk: Also known as chaas, buttermilk is a conventional probiotic and one of the best anti-bloating foods. Rich in beneficial bacteria, it effectively prevents gas build-up, warding off acid reflux. **— Femina**

All you need to know about...

Light pollution

Stroke risk
People being continuously exposed to outdoor artificial light at night may be at a higher risk of having a stroke, a new research reviewing more than 28,000 adults in China has found.
The researchers said the excessive use of artificial light for enhancing visibility at night has resulted in about 80 per cent of the world's population living in light-polluted environments.

Exposure to nighttime light
The team, including researchers from Zhejiang University School of Medicine, China, assessed the adults' exposure to residential outdoor nighttime light using satellite images that mapped light pollution. Cases of stroke were confirmed by the hospital medical records and the death certificates, they said.

Increased risk
Their analysis after following up the participants over a six-year period showed that 1,278 people developed cerebrovascular disease, including 777 ischemic (clot-caused) stroke cases and 133 hemorrhagic (bleeding) stroke cases.
The people with the highest levels of exposure to outdoor light at night were also found to have a 43 per cent increased risk of developing cerebrovascular disease compared to those with the lowest levels of exposure.

Brain health
"Our study suggests that higher levels of exposure to outdoor artificial light at night may be a risk factor for cerebrovascular disease," said Jian-Bing Wang, a researcher in the department of public health and department of endocrinology of the Children's Hospital, Zhejiang University School of Medicine, Hangzhou, China.
Continuous exposure to artificial light from fluorescent, incandescent and LED sources can suppress the body's ability to produce melatonin -- the sleep-promoting hormone, thereby disrupting the 24-hour internal clock and impairing sleep, the researchers said.

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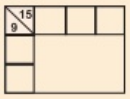
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



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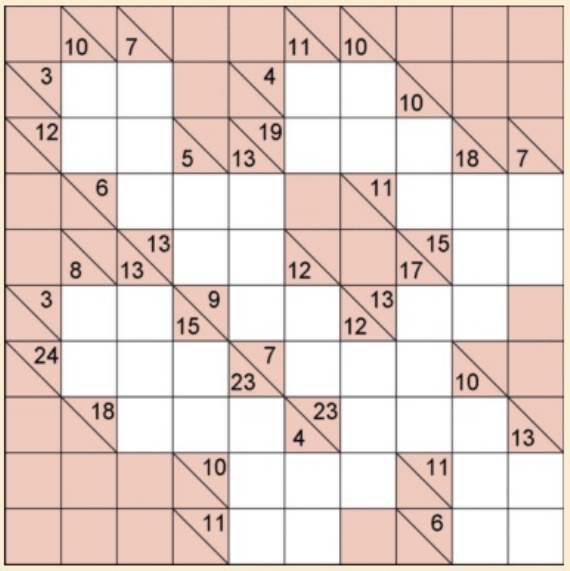

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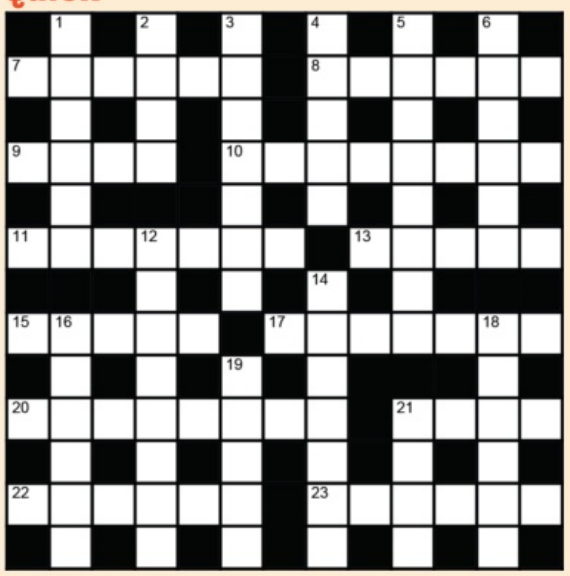


ACROSS

7 East African soldier or policeman (6)
8 Batting legend Rahul ____ (6)
9 Throw in the towel (4)
10 Sets aside for a particular purpose (8)
11 Dismissal from office (7)
13 Blows a horn (5)
15 Floating log structures (5)
17 Desist from (7)
20 Whole numbers (8)
21 Guru Nanak follower (4)
22 From memory without thought of meaning (2,4)
23 Urgently draw attention or arouse? (6)

DOWN

1 Tell with confidence (6)
2 Gasp or puff (4)
3 Market near Brigade Road (7)
4 Decorate (5)
5 Underground cemetery (8)
6 Fence of pointed stakes (6)
12 Punctually (2,3,3)
14 Electric chair (3,4)
16 Irks or pesters (6)
18 Lower-leg joints (6)
19 Not as many (5)
21 Thailand, formerly (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: L EQUALS T

LGY QMS LGML'O WHL LW IW OWQYLGFSD GMO LW PYYX FS GFDG DYMC MRR LGY LFQY.

Linemaro

I'm not a photographer, but I can picture me and you together.

Mindchow

The first duty of love is to listen.

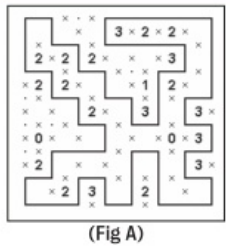
Joke of the day

Friend: "Why do they call your husband 'The Exorcist.' Wife: "As soon as he gets to a party, he rids it of all the spirits."

Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



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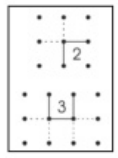
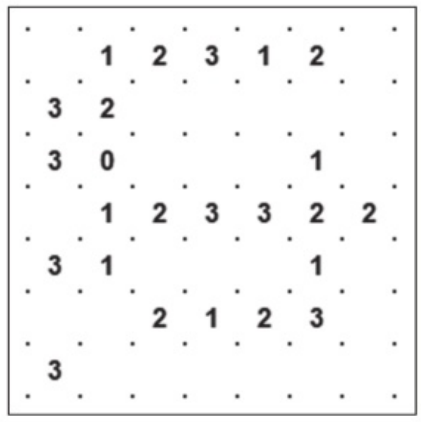


(Fig B) Not Allowed

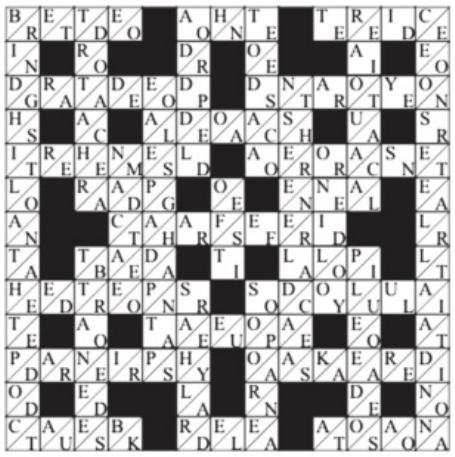
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



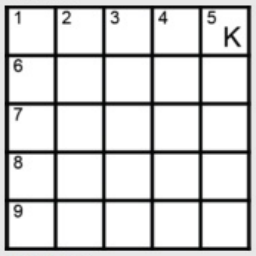
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Rock C; 6 Ripen;
7 If are; 8 CE Fen;
9 Rated

DOWN

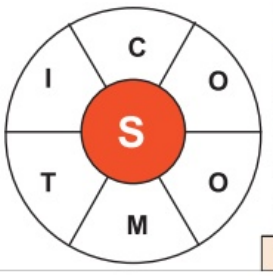
1 CF Art; 2 Freer;
3 Open I; 4 Craic;
5 Need K

Mensapuzzle

What number should replace the question mark?

4	2	2	2
3	1	1	4
3	2	1	5
2	3	4	?

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

05 Average; 06 Good; 08 Outstanding

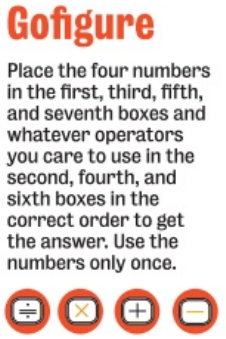
SudokuChallenge

	6						3	
		5		3		8		
	2	1	7		6	4	9	
1			6		5			4
	3						6	
2			3		4			1
	1	2	8		9	6	7	
		7		6		5		
	5						4	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

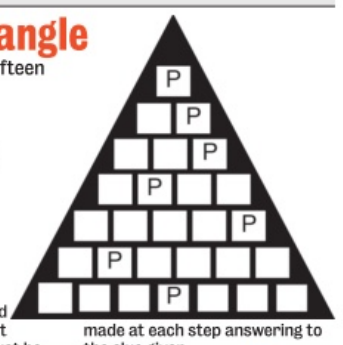
Differences: 1. Table leg is moved. 2. Lamp shade is different. 3. Hand is not showing. 4. Tail is moved. 5. Cuff is added to sleeve. 6. Robe is longer.

Riddler

What connects these four things?
Blue, Harvest, New and Sailor

Alpha triangle

1 Atomic number Fifteen
2 _ for grabs
3 Enjoy a repast
4 Goad
5 Unjustly assume
6 Abrupt increase
7 Yellow element



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

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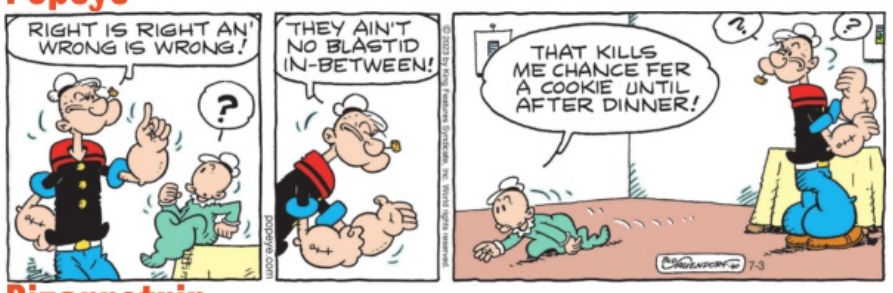

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

Crankshaft

YOU'RE RETURNING ALL OF THE MONTONI'S MEMORABILIA THAT WAS AUCTIONED OFF!?
WOW! YOU GUYS REALLY KNOW HOW TO PUT THE GRAND IN GRAND OPENING!
TONI'S
SAND BOX
12-25
BATIUK & DAVIS

Mutts

I'D SAY MY "SHTAYING UP A TREE" FUR PROTEST WAS A HUGE SUCCESSH! DID YOU SEE THE BIG CROWD I DREW!
THOSE WERE ALL RESCUE FIREMEN!!!
YESH...
... AND NOT ONE OF 'EM WAS IN FUR!
1-13
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WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, being patient might help you at every stage and a positive moon may make you happy. You may perform well at work which could give you some incentives in terms of rewards. Health-related issues among families will be resolved now. Job seekers are likely to find a suitable job in their domain. Love birds may enjoy their dating stage.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, mixed situations may surround you. To avoid being disappointed, you are advised to not expect more from anyone around you. You may indulge in self-exploration and self-analysis, which may allow you to filter yourself. After the filtration process, you may feel confident and be prepared to accept challenges.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, dissatisfaction may make you upset. You may not be able to enjoy every single moment. You may have a lack of patience, and end up making silly mistakes, which may affect your way of working. You are advised to practice meditation or yoga. You may also visit some religious places to seek peace.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may feel energetic, and your speed of work may be noticeable. You may perform a difficult task in an easy way. A dispute between siblings may be settled now, which may lead to happiness in the family. Your focus on your goals may be noticeable, which will give you success in your work.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you are blessed by the moon. You may expect to inherit some assets. Patience on the work front may increase your efficiency. You may be polite with the people around you. You may put less effort into day-to-day work. You may use your communication skills to get new work in terms of progress on the work front.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you are blessed by the moon, which may give you patience. Externally, you may face some work-related stress, but your inner sense may be calm and cool, which may help you to balance everything. You may enjoy every moment of work and domestic life. Some new streams of income may be opened, which may help you boost your financial health.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may feel dull and may face health issues. You are likely to be a victim of sleeplessness, which might make you arrogant which may affect domestic harmony. Your profits may be converted into losses. You are advised to think twice before making any type of financial transaction.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may feel energetic. Your losses may be converted into profit, which may increase your business growth. You may make some difficult decisions in the business with the help of your subordinates. You might perform at work efficiently, and your boss may support you. You may also expect to get incentives, which may increase savings.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you may be busy at work, but with the help of destiny, you are likely to implement some new ideas in it. You may follow rules and be ethical in your dealings with the people around you, which may give you inner peace and inner strength.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today things are under control; you may be able to come out of yesterday's messy situation. You may work with great patience, which may reflect on your way of working. Love birds may plan for an outing, and students may have a good focus on their goals. Singles may find their love in the same community.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may feel dull and unhappy. You may be a victim of mood swings, which may reflect on your domestic life harmony. You are advised to avoid arrogance at work; otherwise, you may create hidden enemies around you. You are advised to avoid rush-hour driving and adventure tours.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may be happy. You may spread happiness around you and you may feel harmony in domestic life; and you may enjoy some romantic moments with your spouse. Your family may help you make important professional decisions.

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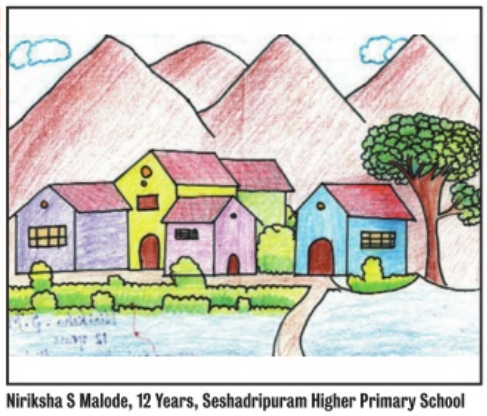

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
((√(4 + 1))/√2)² / (1/2)
((2 + 1)/√2)² / (1/2)
(3/√2)² / (1/2)
(9/2) / (1/2)
9/2 x 2/1
18/2
= 9

RIDDLER
They are all words that come before moon.

BULL'S EYE
cost, mist, moist, most, OSMOTIC, scoot, soot, stoic

FAST FIVE

C	R	O	C	K
R	E	P	I	N
A	F	I	R	E
F	E	N	C	E
T	R	E	A	D

STRIKE OUT

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QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
10: each diagonal line of numbers, starting with the top left hand corner number, increases by 1 each time, ie: 4, 2 + 3 = 5, 2 + 1 + 3 = 6, 2 + 1 + 2 + 2 = 7, 4 + 1 + 3 = 8, 5 + 4 = 9, 10

QUOTE UNCODE
The man that's out to do something has to keep in high gear all the time.

SUDOKU

6	5	3	2	1	7	9	4	8
8	9	7	4	6	3	5	1	2
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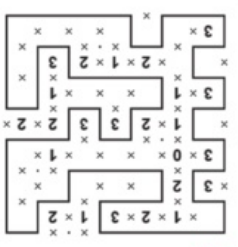
2	8	6	3	9	4	7	5	1
5	3	4	1	7	8	2	6	9
1	7	9	6	2	5	3	8	4
3	2	1	7	8	6	4	9	5
7	4	5	9	3	1	8	2	6
9	6	8	5	4	2	1	3	7

ALPHA TRIANGLE
P, Up, Sup, Spur, Usurp, Upturn, Sulphur.

GO FIGURE
Easy
9 – 5 + 7 + 5 = 16
Medium
5 x 3 – 3 x 1 = 12
Hard
4 + 5 x 7 + 4 = 67

LOOP



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Looking for laughs

Nora says she has always wanted to explore comedy

Audiences continue to shower love upon the latest Bollywood comedy drama 'Madgaon Express'. The film made everyone wonder as Nora Fatehi performed a well-received character in it. As Nora's new version with a blend of comedy and drama started getting attention, the actress admitted that she wanted to explore this genre for a long time.

As netizens are taking this as a topic of discussion, Nora said that 'Madgaon Express' marks a significant milestone in her career, as it was always a dream for her to foray into the realm of comedy.

Reflecting on her experience, Nora shared, "I've always wanted to explore comedy, and 'Madgaon Express' gave me the perfect opportunity to do so. I'm grateful for the love and support I'm constantly receiving for this film – it's truly a special moment for me."

Latest film sees actor in a new version with blend of comedy and drama

Kunal Kemmu's directorial debut 'Madgaon Express' stars Divyenndu, Pratik Gandhi, and Avinash Tiwary in leading roles. Released on March 22, the movie has almost crossed Rs 9 crore. —ETimes

Return of the revellers

Priyanka Chopra and Nick Jonas are back in Mumbai with their daughter Malti Marie after celebrating Holi.

In the videos captured by Mumbai based paparazzi, Priyanka, Nick and Malti snapped at the airport.

Dressed in shades of blue, Priyanka can be seen holding Malti in his arms while Nick also opted for a comfy casual look.

The Jonas family posed for the paps. She also waved at the shutterbugs.

Priyanka on Monday celebrated Holi with family and friends in Noida.

This marked Malti's first Holi celebrations in India.

Earlier today, Priyanka took to Instagram and shared a glimpse of her Holi celebrations.

In the first picture, Priyanka can be seen wearing a white anarkali suit with black bindi and holding Malti in her arms. Nick wore a white kurta set and can be seen standing behind them as they pose for a family picture.

In one of the videos, Priyanka can be seen encouraging Nick to shake a leg while the dhols are playing.

Priyanka and Nick also posed with their family members including Madhu Chopra, cousin Mannara Chopra, and extended Chopra family. —ETimes

Pet's chillin'

Rashmika Mandanna on Tuesday shared a cute update about her pet dog Aura, saying she is happily chilling in Mysore with her parents.

The diva, who was most recently seen in the Ranbir Kapoor-starrer 'Animal' took to Instagram Stories and shared an adorable picture of her furry friend Aura, who is sitting on a couch and posing for the cameras.

The post is captioned: "For everyone who's wondering where Aura has disappeared to ..Aura is chilling in Mysore with Mum Dad and Shimmu..That's why I am unable to give Aura updates... And look at her. she's definitely happy and chilling."

On the professional front, Rashmika is gearing up for the action drama 'Pushpa 2: The Rule'. The film stars Allu Arjun in the titular role. Directed by Sukumar, the film also stars Fahadh Faasil.

She also has 'Rainbow', 'The Girlfriend', 'Chaava' in the pipeline. —IANS

SANDALWOOD SHOTS

Y MAHESWARA REDDY

On global warming

Rakshith Thirthahalli, who helmed Hombanna and Thimmana Mottegalu, has now released a song video to convey a message on the importance of preserving the environment. Adarsh Iyengar, who bankrolled Thimmana Mottegalu, plays the lead and also sang the song Belake.

"I have already released some video songs with a message to society under the Krishna Productions banner. The shooting of the movie Thimmana Mottegalu is completed. I contacted Rakshith for a good subject to make a song video on. The director suggested that I make a song on global warming," says Iyengar.

Kantara movie fame Pramod Maravanthe has written the song while Hemanth Jois has scored its music.

Director Rakshith Thirthahalli said Bengaluru used to record low temperatures as compared to other cities in the state. "Now, there is no difference in temperature recorded in Bengaluru and other cities like Malnad and Uttara Karnataka. The only solution to this problem is planting saplings and saving trees. Adarsh happily agreed when I told him about the song," said the director.

Pramod Maravanthe appealed to the public to plant saplings in front of their homes and keep water for birds on rooftops during summer.

Family's dream

Simha, who has helmed a few Hindi tele serials and a short film No Parking, debuts as a full-fledged director in Sandalwood with Kannada movie Om Kali. Its muhurat function was held at Bull Temple on Wednesday.

It seems Om Kali is a dream project of Simha's family because Simha's son Pratap Simha is the producer for the movie while his daughter Pravalike is playing the female lead.

Simha said Om Kali is based on rowdy activities in Bengaluru. "I wrote the script for this movie based on the incidents that have been taking place in Bengaluru. It is an action and family-oriented movie. My son is bankrolling this movie to support me to realise my dream of directing a movie in Kannada," said Simha. Pratap Simha said that his father has been working on the script for more than two years. "My father's passion towards directing movies made me bankroll this movie. I took the decision within 10 minutes of script narration by my father," he said. Pravalika said she is playing a middle-class girl. Vijaya Raja, the son of Telugu actor Shivaji Raja, debut in Sandalwood as hero.